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### **DWR and Task Force to Present Water Conservation Measures for Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Water Users**

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources and the Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Task Force, following SBX7-7, are releasing alternative water conservation measures to reduce urban demand. The proposed alternative "best management practices" (BMPs) are intended to guide water users in how to operate more efficiently in order to better conserve water.

The proposed alternatives are listed in a draft report to the Legislature that will be presented to the public during a workshop January 12, 2012 in Sacramento. At that time, the public will be given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comment. The report will be available for review on January 6, 2012 at <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7/committees/urban/u1/>.

The Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7) required DWR and the California Urban Water Conservation Council to convene a task force of representatives from commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) water users, environmental stakeholders and urban water suppliers and charge them with developing alternative BMPs for CII water users. The task force was also required to assess the potential statewide water use efficiency improvements in CII sectors that would result from implementation of the proposed alternative BMPs. Their assessment will be detailed in the draft report.

The draft report will include:

- (a) Appropriate metrics for evaluating commercial, industrial, and institutional water use.
- (b) Evaluation of water demands for manufacturing processes, goods, and cooling.
- (c) Evaluation of public infrastructure necessary for delivery of recycled water to the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors, and
- (d) Evaluation of institutional and economic barriers to increased recycled water use within the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors.

DWR and the Task Force are required to submit a final report to the Legislature by April 1, 2012.

The January 12 workshop will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium at 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento. Interested parties may attend in person or via WebEx. A workshop agenda including information on WebEx access will be posted by January 2 on DWR's website at <http://www.water.ca.gov/calendar/> and at the California Urban Water Conservation Council website at <http://www.cuwcc.org/2column.aspx?id=16620>.

After the workshop, interested parties may submit written comments on the Task Force Report to DWR by January 18, 2012 by email to [wue@water.ca.gov](mailto:wue@water.ca.gov) or by mail to:

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